AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT:

A method of transmit power adjustment in multitone communication systems. For a power spectral density (PSD) P(i) expressed in terms of dBm[[i]]/Hz where i indexes subchannels of the multitone systems and for each subchannel i changing P(i) to the minimum of P(i) and Pmax — PCB where Pmax is the maximum of the P(i) and PCB is a Power CutBack level in terms of dBis performed by changing a power spectral density for each subchannel k the power spectral density to the minimum of the power spectral density and a maximum of the power spectral density REFPSD(k) = min(NOMPSD(k), NOMPSD - PCB) where REFPSD(k) is the transmitted PSD at tone k, NOMPSD(k) is the maximum transmit PSD allowed at each tone k, NOMPSD is the maximum value of NOMPSD(k) over all k and PCB is a power cutback level.